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## Obituaries

### Arthur V.M. Fernandes, 87

Arthur Fernandes, of Duxbury, died at home on Feb. 4. He was 87.

Born Aug. 1, 1918 in Duxbury, he was the third of nine children of the late Manuel Mendes and Germana Veiga Fernandes, originally of Fogo, Cape Verdes Islands.

Mr. Fernandes attended Portuguese school in Fogo, until returning to the U.S. in 1934, where he continued his education in Duxbury and was active in Boy Scouts as an Eagle Scout and assistant scoutmaster. He left school in 1941 when he was drafted into the U.S. Army to serve in WWII. He was awarded several medals including the Victory Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, European, African, Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon, and the American Theater Campaign Ribbon. He qualified as radio operator and as a second gunner.

Mr. Fernandes worked for Panther Panco in Stoughton and Plymouth Rubber Company in Canton as a millman operator. He was also employed by Epsco Electronic Company and Sylvania Electric Company of Needham Heights. He was employed as a foreman for Ocean Spray Cranberries in Middleboro where he worked until his retirement in 1983.

Mr. Fernandes was a member of the Duxbury American Legion and served as presi-

dent of the Duxbury Resident's Council. He was a member of the Duxbury Democratic Town Committee and a member of the NAACP. He enjoyed watching sports, particularly basketball, football and baseball and was a member of the Senior Citizen's Bowling League. He was a longtime member of Holy Family Church, where he worked one day a week, and was a former member and secretary of the Holy Family Church Council.

Mr. Fernandes was the husband of the late Jennie (Barros) Fernandes, his wife of 52 years. He leaves his children, Joseph Fernandes, of Alabama, Sylvia Anderson and Theodora Washburn both of Washington, D.C., Arlene Antone of Boston, Rita of Atlanta, Ga., Arthur Jr. and Manuel Fernandes both of Duxbury; 11 grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. He also leaves his brothers, Amancio Fernandes of New Mexico, Antonio of Duxbury, and Gaudencio of Brockton. He was the brother of the late Fidelis, Sabastion, Joseph, Maria Ascencao and Lydia Fernandes.

Mr. Fernandes dedicated his life to God, family and community. A funeral Mass will be celebrated in Holy Family Church on Thursday, at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Mayflower Cemetery, Duxbury.